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Applicants: Ping Gao, et al.

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For: SELF-EMULSIFYING DRUG  
DELIVERY SYSTEMS FOR  
EXTREMELY WATER-  
INSOLUBLE LIPOPHILIC DRUGS

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**AMEND** Claims 1, 2, 28, 29 and 35 as follows:

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1. (AMENDED) A self-emulsifying drug delivery system comprising a mixture of an extremely water-insoluble, lipophilic active agent; polyvinylpyrrolidone; a fatty acid; and a surfactant, wherein the weight ratio of said fatty acid to said polyvinylpyrrolidone is about 2:1 to about 1:3.

2. (AMENDED) The self-emulsifying drug delivery system of claim 1, wherein the weight ratio of said surfactant to said polyvinylpyrrolidone is about 10:1 to about 1:1.